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MEMORANDUM

To: Jennifer Brooks Hutchinson, Esq. and Leo Wold, Esq.
From: Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Chief of Legal Services
Date: May 27, 2021
Re: Docket Nos. 5113 (Updated Advanced Metering Functionality Case) and 5114 (Grid Modernization Plan)

The above-referenced cases were filed on January 21, 2021 pursuant to the Amended Settlement Agreement approved in Docket No. 4770. On March 15, 2021, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) posted an Open Meeting Notice to consider consolidating the two dockets on March 19, 2021. On March 17, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) objected to the consolidation and further moved to stay consideration of the Grid Modernization Plan. On March 18, 2021, PPL Corp. and National Grid announced the sale of The Narragansett Electric Company to PPL. As a result of these events, at the March 19, 2021 Open Meeting, the Commission did not make any decision on consolidation or process. On March 26, 2021, National Grid filed a response to the Division's March 17, 2021 filing. In light of the announced plans to sell The Narragansett Electric Company to PPL Corp., the Commission has the following questions to determine whether these matters should be considered at this time or held in abeyance pending the outcome of the PPL acquisition. **Please provide a response by June 10, 2021.**

- (1) Is it an accurate statement that the benefit/cost analysis (BCA) contained in the updated AMF business case is based at least in part, on synergies with National Grid's New York operations? If so, will the BCA be materially impacted by the acquisition of The Narragansett Electric Company by PPL?
- (2) Are the proposals and pathways in the Grid Modernization Plan based on the services of the National Grid USA Service Company? If so, are the proposals in the Grid Modernization Plan dependent, at least in part, on the functionalities National Grid currently has and intends to deploy? If so, would the proposals and pathways in the Grid Modernization Plan subject to change as a result of the acquisition of The Narragansett Electric Company PPL?

- (3) Even if the Commission considered the needs assessment related to metering, would the solutions and benefit cost analysis be dependent upon PPL's current and future functionalities?
- (4) If the acquisition of The Narragansett Electric Company would affect the underlying assumptions in the two filings, should the Commission proceed with the assessment of these dockets at this time or at a minimum, stay the matters pending the outcome of the Division's acquisition review process to reevaluate the filings? Please support your answer.